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## FACING THE FACTS

With PHILIP PEARL

You won't discover it from reading the newspapers, but the fact is that the CIO suffered a stunning defeat in the General Motors elections.

They expected to prevail for a clean sweep. Instead, the A. F. of L. auto workers won outright victory and exclusive bargaining rights in the General Motors plants; they will get a chance to win over two or three additional plants in recent elections; the Paternalists and Socialists, between them, won the right to exclusive representation of their crafts in five more plants.

This is the CIO that failed to obtain a straight-haul on the General Motors organization. Without such a straight-haul they are lost.

Thus the CIO. The CIO auto workers union is built on sand. It has never been able to collect dues from its membership. In the past year John L. Lewis has been unable to collect more than \$2 million from the treasury of the United Mine Workers to finance the auto workers union. The CIO organizing campaign in the auto union was one of wholesale bribery.

Lewis considered the expenditure of these vast sums as an investment. He hoped and prayed that the CIO would give him a single check-off contract covering all workers, including the check-off.

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## WPA MESSAGE ASKS 975 MILLION FUND

Washington, D. C.—President Roosevelt asked Congress to appropriate \$975,000,000 for relief in the 1941 fiscal year. The bill would provide that the entire sum could be spent in the first eight months of the year. Mr. Roosevelt's plan would permit the entire fund, if necessary, to be spent by WPA between July 1, 1940 and March 1, 1941. This would hold the immediate appropriation within the present budget limit, and would allow until next year a decision whether the budget has to be expanded.

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## President Green, Opening Labor Conference in Dallas, Demands Congress Enact Norton Bill Amending Labor Act

Highlights of Mr. Green's Address at the Southwestern Labor Conference held in Dallas, Texas, follow:

I am glad of this opportunity of assuring the farmers that organized labor is their friend. The long has the false notion been circulated that workers and farmers are natural economic enemies. The American Federation of Labor is not a labor union; it is a farmers' union. We do not believe that this country should be divided class against class, employers against employees, farmers against workers. On the contrary, we are convinced that all economic groups can and should be closely united. They will be united once they realize that their interests are mutual and interdependent.

National unity is imperatively necessary today not only for the advancement of our material welfare but for the preservation of our American ideals.

Almost all of Europe is engaged in the terrors of war. The American Federation of Labor is unalterably opposed to any move which might involve the United States in that war. The American Federation of Labor at the same time condemns with equal fervor the hateful teachings and practices of Communism and Nazism. I am certain that all Americans are united in this feeling.

We must remain united. We must not let party considerations divide us into warring groups and classes. The businessman, the farmer and the worker must remember that they are first and foremost Americans. They must stand together in the face of the forces that threaten our American tradition. I give you this pledge—that the American Federation of Labor is ready and willing to do its share and more than its share in promoting and securing such a united front.

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Walter Winchell, newspaper and radio columnist, meted out a severe verbal lambasting to Westbrook Pegler in a recent column syndicated through 162 newspapers.

Retaliating to an attack on him by Pegler, Winchell gave the following low-down on his colleague:

"He poses as the boldest of journalists, but he is never blundering... He, if you please, is the healthy example of newspapermen by gam... With his 'he's not a writer'... His argument the over-education never accept free checks from some industrial source... He accepts them—often did... Fight and ranting tickets, too... Another columnist wouldn't think of paying their way—unless they had to... 'And so when this bird raps people who permit plants to swap drinks for free meetings) he should add that on a certain Saturday night in a Broadway (the famous night of the week, yet) he forgot his light bulbs and ethics and led the joint pig out his check."

## Taft Urges Ban on WPA in Construction Field

Washington, D. C.—Work relief has been a means of saving the nation's unemployment problem. Senator Taft, however, is not so sure. He urged at the convention of the International Union of Operating Engineers that the government should not use WPA funds to subsidize the construction industry.

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